



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING June 11, 2014 MINUTES**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, Auditorium, 600 River Street in Austin, Texas.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Frank Rodriguez, Alicia Del Rio, , Yolanda Padilla, Diego Martinez-Moncada, Emilio Zamora, SolAna Renteria and Martha Cotera

Staff in Attendance: Jason Garza, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager
Diane Siler, Deputy Budget Officer
Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, Health and Human Services

1. Citizens Communication

The following citizens signed up for citizen communication:

- Kitty McMahon - general

2. Discussion and possible action to provide budget priority recommendations from the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life report to the Austin City Council to consider for inclusion in the FY 2014-2015 budget

Discussion began with Deputy Budget Officer Diane Siler giving a brief overview of the budget development process and where the City is currently at with that process. Discussion then focused on the HQL report recommendations and to focus conversations on those recommendations that have yet to be implemented (those that need further action from Council). There then was discussion to consider a proposal from the ESBMACC Board and staff on a community outreach specialist position. There was also discussion to develop a recommendation to support a recent City Council resolution directing the City Manager to buyout properties in the Onion Creek Watershed and Williamson Creek Watershed.

Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director with Health and Human Services gave a brief overview of budgetary requests that have been made by the Health and Human Services department. These requests are unmet needs with no identified funding allocated yet.

Sylvia Orozco, a member of the HQL Community Oversight Team, said a few words to the Commission to use her and others on the task force as a resource when making recommendations to forward to Council. Ms. Orozco also gave some information related to the Cultural Arts recommendations of the report.

The Commission then decided to assign certain topics of the report with their recommendations to members of the commission. The assignment was to look at the recommendations and make a determination on which should be recommended to Council for possible inclusion in this development of this upcoming City budget. The breakdown in assignments is as follows:

- Frank Rodriguez –Health and Economic Development
- Diego Martinez-Moncada – Civic Engagement and Economic Development
- Emilio Zamora – Education
- Yolanda Padilla – Youth Services
- SolAna Renteria – Housing
- Martha Cotera – Cultural Arts
- Alicia Del Rio - Transportation

Each board member is to prepare their priority recommendations. Commissioner Zamora also was tasked with the development an equity parity statement for the Commission to consider at a future meeting.

The Commission looks to provide a final recommendation to Council by their July 23rd regular meeting. The Commission will also look to have a special called meeting to discuss the budget priorities on July 9th.

3. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.